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In re U.S. Patent No.: 7,125,584 B2 )  
Inventor: SHINICHI ITO )  
Issue Date.: October 24, 2006 )  
For: METHOD FOR FORMING A LIQUID )  
FILM ON A SUBSTRATE )

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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION**

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254, and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, this is a request for a Certificate of Correction in the above-identified patent. The mistakes identified in the appended Form occurred through the fault of the Patent Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the application which matured into this patent.

Applicant is requesting correction of the Letters Patent so as to correct patent claims 1-3 to include the changes contained in the Supplemental Amendment filed on December 22, 2005. In that Supplemental Amendment, Applicants amended application claims 15-17, which correspond to patent claims 1-3. In the Notice of Allowability mailed January 10, 2006, the Examiner stated that the "after final amendment filed December 22, 2005" overcame all pending rejections. Therefore, patent claims 1-3 should conform to amended claims 15-17 as presented in the Supplemental Amendment filed December 22, 2005. This Request is therefore filed to

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request correction of patent claims 1-3 to conform them to application claims 15-17 as amended in the Supplemental Amendment filed December 22, 2005.

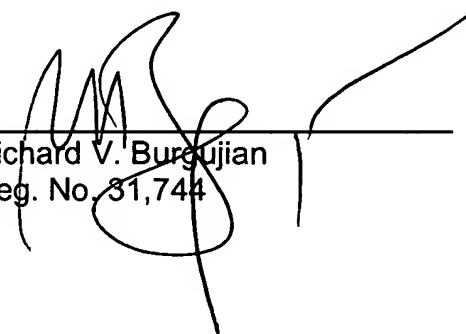
Two (2) copies of PTO Form 1050 are appended. The complete Certificate of Correction involves three (3) pages. Issuance of the Certificate of Correction containing the correction is earnestly requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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